

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment presents once again the amendments proposed in the response filed on 01 June 2005 further modified to recite that the window pane drive mechanism consists of a motor, two pulleys and a single drive cable which traverses only two pulleys, and possibly a gear assembly. Claims 11 and 16 have been further amended to conform to this additional change. Since a Notice of Appeal has not yet been filed to cause entry of the prior proposed changes, the other amendments in the prior response are presented again here.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims, as amended, are patentable over Sponable, either alone or when combined with the German patent to Hopper.

The June 1 , 2005 response pointed out that in the present invention, the cable acts directly on the window pane and there are no sliding members. The construction is quite simple, avoiding the use of intermediate parts. In Sponable, the window pane drive mechanism must include "means operative in response to movement of the cable to raise and lower the window pane." Such means comprise a linkage which includes an angled lever arm mounted for pivotal movement to which the cable is connected. In some embodiments, the linkage includes a second angled lever arm. The prior response has argued that possible presence of such a means/linkage/lever arm(s) was excluded by the "consisting essentially of" language but the Advisory Action indicates

that the Examiner disagreed with that interpretation. To avoid argument, the "consisting essentially of" language has now been changed to "consisting of". Accordingly, the claims as amended above are not anticipated by Sponable. Since there is no suggesting of somehow removing the means/linkage/lever arm(s), the construction set forth in the claims is also unobvious.

The German reference was cited only to show a lock mechanism interconnected to the drive mechanism. As such, it cannot serve to cure the deficiencies in Sponable.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition to be allowed and the early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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